## **ABSTRACT**

One aspect of this invention provides a composition capable of eliciting an immune response to an immunodeficiency virus in mammals, wherein the composition is comprised of an inactivated virus-pulsed antigen presenting cell. In another aspect the aforementioned composition may also contain a combination of an inactivated virus-pulsed antigen presenting cell and an immunodeficiency protease inhibitor. Still other other aspects of this invention provide for methods of treating mammals with an inactivated virus-pulsed antigen presenting cell, the vaccines related to such cells.